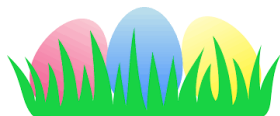


Fort Jackson Environmental News



Calendar of Environmental Training & Outreach Events:

4 April - Spring Jamboree & Egg Hunt 1000-1200. The Recycling Center and the Environmental Division (ENV) have teamed up with CYS to provide educational games and activities for the children before the Easter Egg Hunt begins at noon.

9 April - Hazardous Substance (HS) Management class will be held at 0830 in the ENV conference room, 2563 Essayons Way. This 2½ hour class is required for all personnel who manage hazardous waste (HW) or controlled waste, or have a high potential for HW generation or HS violations. The class is an annual requirement offered quarterly and also upon request. Please contact Heather Thomas, ENV, at 751-4231 or heather.s.thomas8.civ@mail.mil to schedule training.

16 April - Environmental, Energy, and Recycling Meeting at 1430 in the Post Conference Room - This quarterly meeting is for Commanders, Directors, Staff, and Environmental Compliance Officers (ECOs). Attendance by ECO's and Building Energy Monitors (BEMs) is highly encouraged.

18 April - Earth Day Celebration at Semmes Lake 0900-1400. Join DPW-ENV in celebrating Earth Day in conjunction with FMWR at the Big Day Out. There will be FREE activities, games, and educational booths for everyone to enjoy and our 3rd annual RECYCLING REGATTA. Information on registration and rules for the regatta can be found on page 4. **We will also be collecting electronic waste, batteries, and tires.**

22 April - EARTH DAY!! Do something good for the earth today like planting a tree or cleaning up litter, or leaving the car at home and using your bicycle to run your errand.

19-20 May - Environmental Compliance Officers Course (ECOC) - will be held in the Safety Center Classroom, 3240 Sumter Street. Please contact Pearline Jackson, ENV, at 751-5011 or pearline.jackson@us.army.mil for registration. Include the attendee's full name, rank, job title, name of unit/activity, telephone number, and e-mail address. *Note: Walk-ins are welcome, availability permitting.*

20 May - Shred Day at Fort Jackson Recycling Center.

Administrative ECOC - A shorter electronic ECOC is available for administrative organizations/personnel on Fort Jackson. For more information or to take the electronic ECOC, visit contact Lisa McKnight, ENV, at 751-5971 or lisa.a.mcknight11.ctr@mail.mil. ***Note: Please remember that it is mandatory for all organizations, including administrative organizations, to have a trained primary and alternate ECO.*

Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Training - This training is required annually for all personnel involved in oil handling, transfer, storage, or maintenance of oil equipment. Please contact Mark Merritt, ENV, at 751-9511 or mark.d.merritt6.civ@mail.mil to schedule training.

Fort Jackson Prescribed Fire Program



Fort Jackson's Forestry and Wildlife personnel conduct prescribed burns. Approximately 10,000-12,000 acres are burned annually. This is done for several reasons:

- To reduce the amount of fuel for wildfires.
- To improve habitat for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.
- To promote a healthy forest ecosystem.
- To improve the training areas for our soldiers.

** The pictures above were taken during the 18 March burn.*

Household Hazardous Waste

Did you know, industries aren't the only generators of hazardous waste? According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), American households generate approximately 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste from unused hazardous household products each year.

Hazardous waste is a waste that has the potential to catch fire, react, explode under certain conditions, or is corrosive or toxic. Common household hazardous wastes include drain cleaners, oven cleaners, oil based paints, paint thinners, adhesives, pesticides, dry-cell batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs.

To identify products that could result in hazardous waste read the label and look for the words "danger," "warning," and "caution". Improper disposal of these items can have adverse effects on the environment. Pouring these items down the drain can eliminate helpful bacteria in septic systems and water treatment facilities, as well as corrode plumbing or release fumes if caught in the trap.

Avoid generating household hazardous waste by following these simple tips:

- Close containers tightly (to prevent spills) and keep them dry.
- Use all of the product and buy only what is needed.
- If you live on-post bring unused portions of hazardous materials to the Reuse Center.
- Check your local stores (like Best Buy and Batteries Plus) for recycling opportunities for batteries, fluorescent bulbs and e-waste.
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning alternatives like baking soda, vinegar, or lemon juice and citrus solvents instead of using traditional cleaners.

For more information about hazardous waste disposal contact Fort Jackson's Environmental Division at 751-4231.

**POST-WIDE
SPRING CLEANUP IS COMING!!
13 April - 21 May**

Please use this designated time to clean up your areas of responsibility and beyond.
Remember to take trash, yard debris, reusable, and recyclable items to their proper location for disposal.

Mulch Site

Golden Arrow Rd
Monday-Friday 0730-1130
and 1245-1500

Yard waste/debris such as leaves,
branches, and grass clippings, and
bulky trash that cannot fit in to a
regular dumpster

Recycling Center

5671 Lee Rd
751-4208

Monday-Friday 0700-1500
Saturday 0830-1530

Plastics, glass, cardboard, metals,
cans, cooking grease, pallets, and paper.

Reuse Center

2558 Essayons Way
751-5121

Monday-Friday
1000-1400

Reusable office supplies,
paints and paint related
materials, sealers, degreasers,
cleaning materials/supplies,
solvents, pesticides, reusable
hazardous materials, and
empty containers with lids.



DLA-DSJ (formerly DRMO)

1902 Ewell Rd
751-7698

Appointments Necessary.

Disposal of all
government items

Environmental Division

2563 Essayons Way
751-6853
Monday-Friday 1000-1200
Batteries and Lamps (light bulbs)



RECYCLE REGATTA

April 18, 2015

One of our goals with the regatta is to encourage ingenuity and excitement about recycling. The recycle regatta shows how everyday items can find a second life in novel ways.

RULES FOR RAFT CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY INSPECTION

These rules apply to every entry, and will be adhered to by one and all equally. These rules are set forth for the construction of competition rafts and for the safety of all crew that will be participating.

1. All rafts must be constructed of materials that have been previously used, minus bonding material (tape, straps, rope, etc.).
2. All materials must be clean and safe for the environment.
3. NO boating or swimming materials (new or recycled) may be used to make the raft.
4. All rafts must carry 2 or more crew members.
5. All crew members MUST wear a U.S. Coast Guard Approved life vest. We will allow NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule. The crew will automatically be disqualified for failure to comply. See Marion St. Station staff if anyone needs assistance in meeting this requirement.
6. Each crewmember must be at least 10 years of age, and crewmembers under the age of 16 must be accompanied on the raft by an adult.
7. All rafts must be self-propelled (e.g., poles, oars, paddle wheels, sails, etc.) or any combination thereof. Paddles, etc., may be homemade or manufactured. No swimming, pushing, or towing.
8. All vessels must be named.
9. All rafts MUST be at the Semmes Lake waterfront for inspection by the judges by 10:00am.
10. Each raft must have a hand-flag on board to use as a "vessel in distress" signal, if needed.
11. The race course will be explained in detail on the day of the race.
12. It is the team's responsibility to "leave no trace" of your craft. Whatever you "carry in" to the lake, you "carry out".
13. If, in the judges' opinion, an entry is not properly constructed and in safe working condition it shall not be allowed to start the race.

RULES FOR MATERIALS:

Examples of acceptable recyclable materials:

- any previously used or found materials (except boats or boat parts, or swimming floats or equipment)
- cardboard
- plastic bottles
- wood
- metal cans
- duct tape (limited to 1 roll)
- twine/rope

Examples of unacceptable materials:

- NO pollutants or hazardous waste (e.g. no containers which held toxic or petroleum substances)
- NO potentially dangerous objects (sharp edges, rusty metal, tacks, glass containers, etc.)
- NO parts from "real" boats or commercial flotation (e.g. no boogie/kick boards, no borrowed rudders, etc.)
- NO material that could break off into the lake (e.g., styrofoam pieces, etc.)

NOTE: Please make sure that all materials on the raft are securely fastened so that no loose objects fall off into the lake during the race. If any piece of your raft falls into the lake, you MUST retrieve it.

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Building and racing a recycle raft is a team effort. All community groups are encouraged to participate. **Please notify Marion St. Station by April 3rd if you plan on entering the race.**